

# American Indian Field

## Field Host/Hostess

Peoria, Arizona; American Indian Field

## Opportunities

A hospitality host and hostess are urgently needed at Southwest Indian Ministries Center in Peoria, Arizona. They will manage guest housing for American Indian Field-sponsored events and for outside groups who rent the facilities. There will be many opportunities to minister to the guests by listening, encouraging, and praying. Opportunities are also open to work with local churches and build relationships with Native Americans.

## Qualifications

A servant's heart, good people skills, and the ability to oversee workers who assist with cleaning and preparation are essential. Flexibility is also needed to deal with the varying hours of guest arrivals and departures.

## Length of Service

A career missionary couple is needed to fill this position full time, but short-term help will be accepted as well.

## Language Requirements

English is required.

## Ministry Description

Southwest Indian Ministries Center is located in Peoria, Arizona, a northwest suburb of Phoenix. The center is considered the hub of WGM's ministries on the American Indian Field. In addition to housing field administrative offices, SIMC is the base for all reservation ministries and the satellite day school program.

Nearly 500,000 Native Americans live in WGM's ministry area with approximately 1,600 living within a five-mile radius of SIMC. More than 100,000 Native people live in the Greater Phoenix, Arizona, metropolitan area.

## AIF Tidbits

- WGM's ministries to Native Americans are located in the Phoenix metropolitan area; on the Navajo Reservation in Black Mountain, Arizona, and Kirtland, New Mexico; on the Tohono O'odham Reservation in Sells, Arizona; and on the Salt River and Gila River Reservations in Arizona. The heart of the ministry and field offices are located in Peoria, Arizona.
- Peoria is situated northwest of Phoenix and is considered part of Greater Phoenix. The warm climate and small-town atmosphere attract people to this eighth-fastest-growing city in the U.S. What started out as a simple visionary farming community has become a dynamic desert city.
- Some things to know in order to be respectful on an Indian reservation: many Native Americans do not point with their fingers but with their lips or with a nod of their heads; do not ask personal questions when you first meet someone, but do not be afraid to ask questions as you get to know the individual.
- Native Americans are relational people, so relationship building is key in ministering to them. Although it is a long process and slow work, once a relationship is established, you'll find yourself among amazing people who are just waiting to hear the gospel.